

COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION[283]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b."

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 261.3, the College Student Aid Commission hereby proposes to amend Chapter 8, "All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship Program," Iowa Administrative Code.

The purpose of this amendment is to modify the current eligibility requirements for the All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship Program pursuant to Iowa Code section 261.87 as amended by 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 470, section 28.

Interested persons may submit comments orally or in writing by 4:30 p.m. on September 1, 2009, to the Executive Director, College Student Aid Commission, 200 Tenth Street, Fourth Floor, Des Moines, Iowa 50309; telephone (515)725-3400.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 261.87 as amended by 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 470, section 28.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend rule 283—8.3(261) as follows:

283—8.3(261) Eligibility requirements.

8.3(1) Applicants for the all Iowa opportunity scholarship program must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the date specified in the application instructions and any additional applications or documents required by the commission. In addition to completing the FAFSA, an applicant must be:

a. An Iowa resident who begins his or her initial period of postsecondary enrollment within two academic years of graduation from high school;

b. An Iowa high school ~~graduate who graduated from high school with at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 grade scale or its equivalent~~ student with at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent; and

c. Enrolled for at least three semester hours, or the trimester or quarter equivalent, in a program eligible for federal student aid under Title IV of the federal Higher Education Act leading to an undergraduate degree, diploma, or certificate from an eligible college or university.

8.3(2) To maintain eligibility, recipients must maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the eligible college or university.

8.3(3) Individuals who have military obligations may delay the initial period of enrollment for up to four academic years beyond high school graduation or must begin postsecondary enrollment within two academic years of discharge. Exceptions for health or other personal reasons for delaying the initial period of enrollment will be reviewed by commission staff on a case-by-case basis.